



Media Statement

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A statement from Mayor Marianne Matichuk regarding council priorities

Early in our term, I gathered city council together for a full day to determine our strategic priorities. The final draft of these priorities – including Maley Drive, an industrial lands strategy, attracting skilled workers, a multi-use/convention centre, improving Greater Sudbury's image and completing the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre – were approved by council this past June.

Over the past two years, I and my council colleagues have been hard at work on most of these files – and many others, as they have arisen. Much has been accomplished and will be accomplished over the next two years.

However, in my work in the community, it has become clear to me that the public's confidence in this council is becoming eroded.

For this, council must take full responsibility.

Council must commit to focusing on the promises we made to voters two years ago. Council must commit to putting the needs of Greater Sudbury ahead of our own. Council must commit to the strategic priorities we agreed upon one year ago.

Nothing is more important to me than earning and retaining the trust of taxpayers. In running for mayor of this great city, I placed emphasis on being open, accountable and transparent. I am as committed to that today as I was two years ago. I am as optimistic about the future of this great city today as I was two years ago.

My door has always been open to councillors to talk about their ideas and concerns, and it always will be. Council must work together to move Greater Sudbury forward. Taxpayers deserve nothing less.

It is clear to me that Greater Sudburians hold this council to a high standard, and they should. I encourage my fellow councillors to work with me to meet this all-important challenge over the next two years.

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